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Christian Endeavorers of Franklin County (Ohio) Union give discussion on the Christian Endeavor topics in a new series of radio broadcasts over Radio Station W.T.V.N., Columbus. Dr. David W. Witte, executive secretary of the Columbus Area Council of Churches (at right), gives introduction at initial program. Endeavorers participating are (left to right) Ronald Swint, Marilyn Burton, and Robert F. Hildreth.

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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

Memorial to Dr. Ernest R. Bryan

● An Audio-Visual Section is to be established in the Educational Department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor as a memorial to Dr. Ernest R. Bryan. This action was taken by the Executive Committee of the International Society at its recent meeting as a means of paying honor to the memory of Dr. Bryan, who was president of the Christian Endeavor organization from 1949 until his sudden death December 17, 1954.

This Bryan Audio-Visual Memorial is most appropriate as Dr. Bryan was an expert and was greatly interested in the use of visual aids in teaching. For a number of years he was civilian assistant to the head of the motion picture department of the United States Navy Photographic Center in Washington, D. C. The memorial funds will be used to buy equipment for leadership training in Christian Endeavor and toward the possible making of film-strips, motion pictures and other aids. The Executive Committee also authorized President Earle W. Gates to appoint a committee on audio-visual education in the near future.

Diamonds in the Rough

● Many unique and novel ideas are coming to the fore as Christian Endeavors are getting ready to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee during the week of January 29—February 5. Virginia Union is staging a contest and will give an award for the best original radio or television program on Christian Endeavor. And what do you think the title can be? "Diamonds in the Rough."

A Word On The Value Of Christian Endeavor

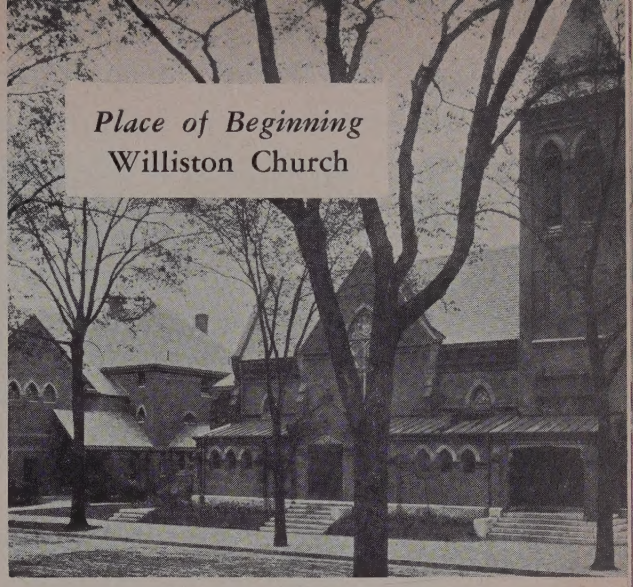
● Dr. Roy H. Stetler, publisher of *The Telescope-Messenger*, weekly of the Evangelical United Brethern Church, made some interesting comments about Christian Endeavor in his column, "Chat," in the November 5 issue of his journal. "I am sure that the trained experts in the field of religious education have an answer to a question which bobs up in my thinking ever so often, but a question which I have never ventured to ask quite so publicly as I shall now ask in this column," Dr. Stetler wrote. "Why did we give up in our Christian training the organization known as 'Christian Endeavor'? Recently, I discovered one of my old Christian Endeavor pledge cards. As I reread it I said to myself, 'I still think it was a pretty comprehensive program and I wonder why we ever let it go.'" Dr. Stetler then printed in his article the pledge and made comments about it. In concluding his remarks Dr. Stetler stated, "Well, again I have labelled myself as 'old-fashioned,' but I wonder if there are not many others who like myself can look back and proudly declare, 'Christian Endeavor did much for me in my early Christian development.'"

Alumni "On The March"

● There is a significant and helpful place for alumni groups in Christian Endeavor. One, of many examples of older Endeavorers who are serving and enjoying Christian fellowship, is the Dauphin County Christian Endeavor Fellowship. Nearly 500 of their members staged a bang-up banquet in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, November 12. J. G. MacDannald is the leader of this unit which has more than 1,000 active participants.

Gene Stone

Pilgrimage to Portland



Place of Beginning
Williston Church

Service at Birthplace of Christian Endeavor in Williston Church

Will Be a Feature of Diamond Jubilee Celebration

HERE will be a pilgrimage to the Williston Congrega- tional Church at Portland, Maine.

This is the place where the Christian Endeavor move- ent was born February 2, 1881.

Many Endeavorers will trek to Portland to help cele- rate the 75th anniversary of the organization which has reatly influenced the lives of millions of people.

Plans have been made for a banquet to be conduct- l in the Williston Church Saturday, February 4, follow- l by a special service. Honored guests, who are expected attend, include Mrs. William P. Chase, daughter of Dr. rancis E. Clark who founded Christian Endeavor, and Irs. J. Parker Paxson, daughter of Granville Staples, the resident of the first society.

Delegations from the Massachusetts Union are ar- nging for the trip to Portland for the Diamond Jubilee. eaders from other states and Canada are among those xpected. A committee is at work on plans at the Wills- n Church where Rev. W. Lloyd Williams is pastor.

Preparations are being made for various types of celebrations to be conducted in thousands of churches in North America and around the world during Christian Endeavor Week, January 29—February 5.

Packets containing a manual and other literature for aid in marking the anniversary have been published by the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

According to present indications the posting of out- door poster panels along streets and highways in connec- tion with Christian Endeavor Week will reach a record number.

Efforts are being made to have an enrollment of per- sons who joined Christian Endeavor 25 years or more ago. Names of those to be placed in Quarter Century and Half Century Clubs will be published in *The Christian Endeavor World.* A coupon for the convenience of those enrolling is on Page 18 of this issue of *The World.* This will be a feature of the Diamond Jubilee.

Enrollment of Long-time Endeavorers Underway

Vice-Presidents of International Society in Charge of Region

Roland P. Blodgett
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Southern

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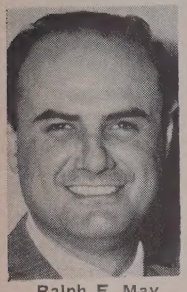
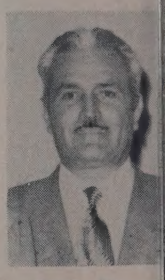


Ralph E. May
Rocky Mountain

Cecil A. Jeffery
Pacific

Leaders elected at convention in Columbus, Ohio, are responsible for work of the International Society of Christian Endeavor in the ten geographical areas of North America.

Rev. J. Wesley Siebert
Canadian



Santos Tamez Cantu
Mexican

High Tribute Paid To Life Of Russell S. Gowdey

Many Christian Endeavor leaders in the United States and Canada have paid high tribute to the life of Russell S. Gowdey, president of the New York State C.E. Union, who was killed October 21 in an airplane accident when he was going to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Eugene G. Alhart, a trustee of International Society and former president of the New York State Union, made the following tribute to Russell Gowdey:

"Russell Gowdey, a man of God, is a living witness in the lives of young people. He loved people. He loved his Lord.

"One of his favorite Bible verses is taken from Philippians 2:16. ('Holding forth the word of life that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, That I have not run in vain nor laboured in vain.') Russell did what that verse says. He held forth the open word of God. His was not a fruitless labor. Countless numbers will testify to his building of the faith. He did not run in vain but as a Christian should, 'pressed on for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.'

"As a co-laborer in the greatest business in the world, under the leadership of the great Master, Jesus Christ, Russell followed the vision of the 'Holy Grail.'

"The president of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union served well. It is speaking amiss, however, unless we add, he served his Lord well through the channels of Christian Endeavor.

"The pulling power of Christ will continue to be felt in the lives of many souls because of his untiring willingness to serve. We will miss our leader, but as Russ would say, 'Pray God, we do not miss the great Shepherd of the sheep.'"

GIVE "WORLD" IN HOSPITALS

The Ontario Christian Endeavor Union makes possible the distribution of *The Christian Endeavor World* to five Veterans' Hospitals in the Province of Ontario.

HOLD TENTH LEGION DAY

Tenth Legion Sunday was observed by societies in the state of Massachusetts November 20. Harriet C. Birnie of Brookline is chairman of the missionary committee that promoted this activity.

ADDRESSES TRAINING RALLY

Rev. J. Wesley Seibert, vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, spoke at the special leadership training rally of the Toronto Union in Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, November 12.

Dr. William Hiram Foulke Writes Jubilee Sonn

Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, who f many years was vice-president of the Inte national Society of Christian Endeavor, a is a former moderator of the Presbyteri Church in the U. S.A., has written a sonn for the 75th anniversary celebration.

Dr. Foulkes poetry is as follows:

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

The illustrious name of Clark,
who gave it birth:
And Poling's noble and far-flung
career:
With Gates its worthy leader in th
year:
Christian Endeavor shows its lasti
worth:
In length and strength reveals its
mighty girth.
in these and hosts who followed o
appear
Its slogan. "For Christ and the Churc
made clear
In every land and clime around
the earth.
In midst of strife and vast
momentous change,
With nations rising, falling, on the
way,
Christian Endeavor lifts the banner
Christ's truth.
It summons youth to faith's vast
widespread range.
It hails its "Diamond Jubilee," the d
Of marching, singing, praying yout

ocieties Observe

California C.E. Day

Seventy-five members of the four ristian Endeavor societies of the esbyterian Church of Woodlake, lifornia, are pictured in front of poster panel that they erected ar their church in connection with e celebration of California Chris-n Endeavor Day October 16. The oodlake Church has had a contin-us Christian Endeavor program r 62 years. Photo by Lindsay.

This Is Christian Endeavor

RAMA will play an important role in the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Christian Endeavor during the eek of January 29-February 5, 1956.

Catherine Miller Balm of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is e author of a dramatization on the history of Christian deavor which has been published by International Socie- "This Is Christian Endeavor" is the title.

Mrs. Balm has written a number of books on youth work. e has been the author of several Christian Endeavor plays d skits and reports of International Conventions. For a mber of years Mrs. Balm was youth director of the Re-rmed Church in the United States, now the Evangelical d Reformed Church.

A group of young people from the Indianola Christian urch staged the dramatization at the International Con-ntion in Columbus, Ohio, in July.

This is a simple dramatization which can be given with a minimum of effort. No special stage setting is required as all scenes can be played against a background of curtains or screens. A stage curtain is very desirable but not absolutely necessary. Platform lights can be dimmed while the the furniture is placed.

Starting with the beginning of the youth movement in 1881 there are seven scenes which include a note in a diary, a newspaper headline, a cablegram, a moving picture, a radio broadcast and a telecast.

The dramatization booklet may be secured from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. It can be obtained individually or in the packet that is being distributed for Christian Endeavor Week.

UP THEY GO

It's promotion time at Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania. Endeavorers receive their certificates as they are advanced to the next age group. The church, of which Rev. William F. Tucker is pastor, has six societies. Fifteen of the youth attended the International Convention held in Columbus, Ohio.

Stewardship Builds A Budget

by Bert H. Davis

JESUS said: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

The teaching applies to many of the choices men and women make. Among these it has to do with both stewardship and budgeting.

Now, budgeting as a responsibility for Christian laymen didn't begin in the Early Church. The first Christians, as we read in Acts 2:44, 45 (also Acts 4:34, 35 and 6:1-4), put their personal resources into a common fund on which all drew according to their needs.

And budgeting as the Protestant church of today knows it was not characteristic of the Church of the Popes and the Patriarchs. The typical Christian presented his offerings, and no doubt often in the true spirit of stewardship of God's good gifts, but church authorities chose how the accumulated contributions would be used.

Freedom of Choice

The greatest freedom of choice ever possessed by adherents of any faith is a property of North American Protestant Christians in our era.

No human power, religious or secular, dictates that we give an accounting for our division of income as between God and Caesar. Our contributions, our budgeting, are voluntary. It is a matter for conscience if the typical Prostetant family turns back its "first fruits" to the Christian Cause or gives first attention to food, clothes, amusements, and payments on the house and car and appliances, hoping there'll be enough left to "do something" for Christ's Church.

If a spirit of stewardship be lacking, one's contributions become a form of dues, as in a community club, and not a means for recognizing God's care or expressing our thanks for the life and necessities we receive from Him.

Our freedom is expressed further in the typical North American free church. Here lay officers, applying "sound business methods" to church administration, may decide whether or not Christ's Church shall be a good steward. It is possible for a church to be recognized as "successful" throughout its community when it is using the lion's share of contributions received to maintain its ministry, its music, its services, its church school, its comfortable building or buildings — giving only a meagre share to Christian missions and the education of ministers and other "out-of-town" causes.

Our Responsibilities Are Weighty

Our responsibilities as church members, church families, and church officers are weighty—because we have so much freedom to choose. A very shallow, limited, watered down sense of stewardship may persist, and the correction is applied only in the individual soul, in the family, in that particular church. The issue is between God and ourselves. For the most part, it's our responsibility and nobody else's.

I present the matter with such frankness to Young Adults because both today and in the years to come, *you* carry a burden of responsibility to preach, teach and practice stewardship. Also, many Young Adults are, or soon will be, participating in the building of church budgets and the budgets of church societies, in some cases denominational budgets.

Budgeting for a church or other Christian unit is much more than a business operation, weighing estimated income against estimated outgo. Church budgeting is, or should be, stewardship at work.

To begin with, the officers of a church have more influence on income than they may dream. A financial proposal, a budget, that throbs with Christian spirit, because it calls for sacrificial giving by many, directly inspires more income flowing into the church treasury. A church-sponsored enrollment of tithing families and individuals develops more generous and proportionate giving, influencing what one church may accomplish for years to come. A joint project of stewardship training and missions promotion will greatly improve the percentage of total money received that goes to "others" rather than being used locally for "ourselves."

The Two-Way Pledge

Those two terms are familiar to many of us because quite likely they appear on the two-way pledge cards or on the duplex envelopes used in many congregations. In numerous churches, you as the individual making a financial pledge may designate what amount you will give each week for "current expenses" ("ourselves") and what amount you will contribute to "benevolences" or "missions" or "world program" ("others").

If I am a leader or officer of a church, I am bound by the combined choices of the members who have signed pledges. But am I? My conscience would not be entirely clear when member after member offers a pledge in which a tenth as much is given to "others" as is provided for maintaining the comfortable, well appointed home church. Surely the sights should be raised, and it is not the minister alone but church officers, officers of church organizations, Sunday school officers and teachers who should be joining forces to infuse more stewardship spirit into the church family.

In some other churches, we who are c cers are responsible for dividing the t income between "ourselves" and "othe Here we face rising local costs which r take more and more of every contribution maintain the home church program, less less to teach and heal, preach and guide Christ's name in the distant places.

Stewardship Did It

Christ commanded, "Go ye into all world, and preach the gospel to every c ture." The Early Church did that. The yo Church of Rome did that. The first N American churches tried to win the Indi In the years when Christian Endeavor being born and nurtured, Protestant churc were missionary-minded. The missions fi grew past soul-winning to encompass h ing, schooling, vocational training, agricult development. We would make of new Ch tians and their young churches a str leavening force to rout ignorance, want, pression. Stewardship did this.

Wherever stewardship builds the bud whether that be the family budget or church budget, faithful Christians conti to strengthen Christian effort far away f Main Street. But you and I have seen far many well regarded, well administered l congregations where the missions to "oth are not prayed for, talked about, or suppor In the words of James, "My brethren, th things ought not so to be."

Laymen Catching On Fire

Fortunately, there is a brighter side! M a minister is preaching and teaching stew ship as an essential Christian quality — laymen are catching on fire.

One church officer, when destroying year-old checks, realized with a start that church pledge had been increased by only per cent since 1945. His income is up 50 cent or more. He confessed this frankly some of his fellow officers, raised his pledge in the middle of the church year and started a chain reaction!

A church receiving three-year pledges building improvements revised the plan permit four-year payments, when its offi learned that pledges for benevolences been severely reduced. "We'll not pay for improvements at the expense of the missi program," a leader said.

The church needs more members, and is getting them. But members, old and n need also a revival in their sense of stew ship — that God counts on them for the fruits and not for the remainders. Let bud be built anew — for families, for churches with stewardship once more guiding choices we make!

Via The Eye and Ear

Dreams Do Come True

by Amy Deck Faust

There is a time for everything. There is a e for laughter and a time for sorrow. There time to take and a time to give. A book wise sayings in the Bible reminds us of the dom of this saying. Now we can add that, ere is a time to list sources of materials. ere is a time to study the filmed materials special days. Now there's a time to look part of some of our work and the dreams t made that work possible."

First, look at a very tangible thing, an erican made "pick-up truck." In Cleveland, io, recently a pastel-colored car with aming chrome swooped down the ramp in- he underground parking area at the Audi- um. While the snow swirled outside, the ck was set on display and a demonstration ts usefulness made to about three thousand nen who were in attendance at the Assem- of United Church Women.

National and state representatives dedicated truck as the motor softly hummed to erate the power that flooded the area with it and amplified the program through three rophones into huge amplifiers forming a que public address system.

uipment For e Mau Mau People

As the keys were turned over to the over- agency, and the live program ended, the its dimmed, a projector lamp picked out huge motion picture screen nearby, and the or-sound motion picture, "That They May " filled the area. Crowds stood around to ch, then moved away to other meetings as lights came on and the soft strains of orded music sped people on their way.

Mrs. Donald Floyd (center), who has en active for a number of years in the ystone League of Christian Endeavor, pects the audio-visual mobile unit be- e its journey to the Mau Mau people of nya, East Africa. This unit was made ssible through gifts of the World Day Prayer. Mrs. Philip Markley (left) and anor Peterson check on the "missionary ck" with Mrs. Floyd.

What was happening? What was all this about? Well, it was the formal dedication of the *Audio-Visual Mobile Unit* that was being sent to the Mau Mau people of Kenya, East Africa. During the past months these people have been in the headlines with their atrocity attacks on non-natives. Communistic infiltration has made the native uprisings of serious proportions. But American Christians are answering in the way they feel God wishes them to speak. They are answering by sending the tools which make it possible for these darkened natives to hear and see the gospel message.

The actual cost of equipping the Audio-Visual Mobile Unit came from a part of the World Day of Prayer offerings. Each year, on the first Friday of Lent, Protestant women of our land join with the women of over a hundred countries in observing a day of prayer. As prayers are raised offerings are also freely given. The funds are used for work among Indian-Americans, migrants in this country, Christian colleges in various parts of the world, and for ways of combating illiteracy. This mobile unit is one of the ways to teach by eye and ear, even when people cannot read.

Back of the mobile unit lies the dream of a man who has hoped for this chance for thirty years. Harold Gallina, a Presbyterian layman from New Jersey, works with Ravemco, which means the Radio Audio-Visual Educational Committee. This group which sponsors "The Christian Broadcaster" and leads the way, internationally and interdenominationally, in film, training, and broadcasting, has numbers of consecrated people in their employ. Harold is one who was given the responsibility of equipping this mobile unit for foreign service. As he watched the dedication he quietly remarked that when he had been a boy of fourteen he had dreamed of working with his hands to speak the good news of the gospel. Until this time he had never found the way to express it, but now after forty years he was seeing his dream come true." If but one soul finds God through this way, it is worth the cost and effort."

Truck Climbs Steps

As the snow-storm subsided and people went in and out of the great Auditorium, the mobile truck was seen to move from the underground area and quietly climb the steps of the plaza to the entrance to the huge building. Taxi-drivers startd in amazement as the chrome-trimmed aqua colored truck climbed the steps. Little did they know that this, too, was a dream. Special gears made this unit uniquely adapted for hills, riverbeds, and jungles. When the plaza was reached the screen was whipped out, records played, lights focused, and when a crowd had gathered, film-strips and slides came on. A dream? Yes. But a dream become reality!

Citizenship Contest

Youth are signing-up!

Many girls and boys in North America have already declared their intention to take part in the fifth annual Christian Citizenship Contest being conducted by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

A total of $1,000 in cash awards and two free trips to the Citizenship Confocation in Washington, D. C., June 29—July 1, 1956, will go to the winners.

Awards will be given on the basis of *"A Letter to My Congressman"* or, for Canadian youth, *"A Letter to My M.P."* (not to exceed 1,000 words) on the subject, *"I Speak for Christian Citizenship"* and a citizenship service record on beliefs and activities.

Notification of Participation must be sent by February 6, 1956 to Rev. Robert C. Ross, Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

NOTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION
(Request for official entry blanks)
Christian Endeavor Christian Citizenship Award Contest
(Valid only if postmarked no later than February 6, 1956)
Christian Citizenship Director
International Society of Christian Endeavor
1221 East Broad Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

I hereby enter the CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AWARD CONTEST ..... ☐
Please send me the official entry blanks and other information. .... ☐
I have requested official entry blanks from my state or provincial Christian Endeavor Union office ..... ☐
(Please check above statements)

Name .....
(Please Print)

Street and Number .....

City and State .....

Local Church .....
(Denomination)

Date of Birth .....
☐ I agree to observe the rules and conditions outlined above.

.....
Signature of Applicant

What Is My Life Worth?

No. 1 in a Series: "A Look at Myself"

Matthew 6:25-34; Matthew 10:29-31

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS) *JANUARY*

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Today is the first day of the new year. As the portals open it becomes the time for a particular dedication of self. This is also Consecration Sunday, which gives it a two-fold significance. Set the day apart as a time of special heart-searching and dedication. At the Consecration portion of the meeting, let there be a specific setting of new goals, by testimony, prayer, or Scripture appropriate for this aim. It all might be done as a "Resolutions For Christ" service. Be sure announcement is made, and thought given, in advance; it should be outstanding and meaningful for all. At the roll call, specific aims should be expressed. Then the Christian Endeavor Pledge should be re-affirmed together, and prayer offered for accomplishing strength.

The topic *What Is My Life Worth?* is the first of a unit entitled *A Look At Myself.* It should provide an interesting study of each one's individual life and personality. No one should judge another, but each can safely criticize his own life and determine upon change and growth. Next week we shall explore further, using the concluding topic *For What Will I Spend My Life?.*

Some research should be done on this question, with materials and suggestions available. Next week will be a good time to present the Life-Work Recruit Pledge. Plan for it today with the society and send for pledge cards and other materials from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

What Is Life Worth?

This is indeed an intriguing question and is one that should be faced by every Christian Youth. Life is a grim but a glorious experience. The poet has said,

"Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal;
'Dust thou are, to dust returneth',
Was not written of the soul."

It is evident from all about us that human life, in the short span granted to us, is worth more than appears on the surface. There is a physical value to life,—and that is a pitifully small amount. It has been estimated that the human body is worth about 98 cents in chemical content, or drugstore value! This is a trifling amount indeed to put upon these physical bodies that we so pamper. It's hardly worth it.

A SEED THOUGHT

"It is more important to make a life than to make a living."

LOOK AND DISCUSS

1. What are the various values of life?
2. How do we evaluate life?
3. How can we take a look at ourselves?
4. What is necessary for it?
5. Discuss the Seed Thought.
6. What is life's most important question?
7. How can life be used most effectively?
8. What is the Christian value of life?
9. How can we live as to "glorify God"?
10. What are the greatest causes in life, to which we may give our life-long support?

The Worth To The Nation

In terms of citizenship, the value of our influence and the potential of our minds is much higher. There is a distinct value in what we *can accomplish* with these lives. A newspaper editorial has carried the headline "Boy of 18 worth $18,654.00 to the government of the United States." It went on to relate the value invested in each boy during his childhood and growing years. It further envisioned the possibilities of that life which increased each year during its productive usefulness. If the raw material of life is worth this much, are we "selling it short" by using it unwisely? Let each one face that test.

But Above All, To God

In the last analysis, we do not take the drug store value or the civic value of human life. There is a more vital standard. What is the life worth to God? It is a peculiar thing, most worthy of note, that Our Heavenly Father does all His work on earth with this 98 cent man! That is a paradox of the Christian life. The ordinary life, breathed upon by the breath of God, can do anything. It can do anything but fail, for He gives it the triumph of faith.

Life is a precious possession given by God our Creator. Each one of us has this gift of life. We must all ask of ourselves, "What am I going to do with my life?" "What use am I going to make of it?" "How may I use it most effectively?" The answer to these questions is the key decision of every individual. This answer is more fateful than the choice of a partner in marriage, or the selection of a life vocation. It is a burning question indeed, and one that must inevitably be faced if one is to live effectively. Of course one can just drift through life until life itself is run out. Or one can declare his personal defiance of people and programs for living. These, however, are not the Christian way of life. For the Christian Endeavorer or any other w prefers to live rather than merely exist decision regarding the use of life is the m jor one. This should bring a challenge each one to face life thoughtfully, and "Tru ing in the Lord Jesus Christ for strengt make it a wonderful and worthwhile expe ence.

A High Price

The reason for the extremely high value life, from the spiritual point of view, is t price at which it was purchased. That cost w the life of Jesus Christ the Son of God, w was slain to become the Saviour of the Wor "—ye are not your own, for ye are boug with a price. Therefore glorify God in yo body and in your spirit, which are God's (I Corinthians 6:19, 20.) Thus we are co fronted with the "bill of sale" of our spiritu lives. "For God so loved the world that H *gave* His only begotten Son, that whosoev believeth on Him shall not perish, but ha everlasting life." (John 3:16.) This is t cost of spiritual life. Can we be careless wi it, or indifferent to its claims?

Verily we wish to take a look at ourselv according to the topic, and to do somethi about what we find reflected there. May make a critical examination of our lives, o potential, and the purposes for which we ha been given life. Discuss them together, th go out to invest life for its fullest dividend in the redemption and service of Jesus t Christ.

It is not too early to have your plan set for the observance of Christian En deavor Week, January 29-February This year marks the 75th anniversary the pioneer religious youth movement. packet of literature which contains a ma ual, banquet plans, radio and televisio script and other helpful materials is avai able through the International Society Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broa Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. C.E. Wee packets are $.50.

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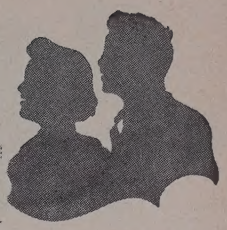

ntermediate (12-14 YEARS) *JANUARY 1*

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Vhat Is Your Body Worth?

Not long ago the worth of a man was eckoned at 98 cents—based on the value of ne chemical content of his body. Now, with omic power in view, this is all changed.

Some smart fellow (or wise guy), has gured out that the atoms in the human body ill produce 11,400,000 kilowatts of power er pound. If they could be harnessed, that . At $570.00 for that amount of power, a an who weighs in at 150 pounds is worth 85,500.00.

Much of the success of our Christian adenture depends on the condition of our odies. Great exceptions come to mind of eroes with weak and crippled bodies, and e honor those men and women who have vercome such terrific handicaps, yet it is still ue that for the average person there are w more important initial advantages in life an a reliable body, trained to health, displined to hardship, ever ready for service. he best body is that which when given modate care in cleanliness, food, shelter, and otection can be forgotten.

The physical habits that we are building to our lives are constantly making our fure. Some of us are spendthrifts with our odies. We have such an abundance of vitaly that we burn up the candles at both ends. young man walked up to me recently with cigarette and said: "I want to live as you st described, but I want to live first." We nnot follow that course. The physical habits at we are building into our lives today are undation stones for the future. We cannot ow down to the little white slaver cigarette d live creatively. It will take its toll of our hysique. They are not our "best friend." hey are not "kind to the throat." They are ot "satisfying" unless we want to think of the resent only. Remember that as long as we ve we have got to tabernacle with the animal lf, but the glorious fact is that we can mast our animal self. We can say, "I am not oing to yield to this animal self."

Vhat Is Your Mind Worth?

How much are you worth above the neck? your head a hatrack or a thinking machine? you want to get ahead, you must use your ead. Dr. Charles H. Mayo, of Rochester said a group of boys relative to temperance, You can get along with a wooden leg, but ou can't get along with a wooden head." fter all, the mind is what distinguishes men om animals. What are you doing with our minds?

Our bodies and minds are veritable treasre houses. Each human has a rich and high individual endowment. Yet too often we y with treasures and abuse what is beyond ir capacity to understand, create or replace. Vhat tragedy is found in the mind that is rugged or the body that is abused.

Our Aim

1. To see the worth of our body and soul in the sight of God.
2. To consider the Christian attitude toward our bodies.
3. To hear God's call to dedication of life's all to him.

Questions

1. What physical habits build good bodies?
2. What personal habits destroy our bodies?
3. When friends or pals want us to do things that will harm our bodies what shall we do?
4. What habits strengthen the keenness of our minds?
5. When impure thoughts come into our minds what can we do?
6. Why is the condition of our soul so vital to God? To us?
7. What does it mean "to live for Christ"?

Surely you *are* a marvelous creature. You are richly endowed even if you have somewhat less than you might desire. Ultimately your life is determined by the use you make of the equipment that is yours.

What Is Your Soul Worth?

The first writer in the Bible says, "God breathed into man's nostrils the spirit of life, and man became a living soul." It is clear then that you are not a body, and you are not a brain. You are a living soul that will never die. When death unlocks the doors of the body in which you now live, you will continue to live somewhere forever.

Of all God's great creation mankind alone has this ability to reach out after God and think His thoughts after Him. The animals have eyes to see, ears to hear, a mouth to use, but of all God's great creation, none, save man, can become conscious of the Divine spark which is in man. That Divine spark wells up when we know that our bodies have a spirit in which God resides. He gives us power and capacity to rise to majestic heights. No one can estimate the worth of a man who gives his life to God. God can take that life, fill it with the Holy Spirit and that person can touch many other lives arousing the spark of divinity within them.

Conversion Makes Life Have Worth

Real living is compounded of: First, going all-out for something; second, all-out for something with other people; and third, all-out for something that is felt to be bigger than life itself.

Now that is what we mean by conversion. That is re-orientation of one's life around a new Master—Christ, and every life needs Him. If we are going to move out into a world of peace and justice, a world where we are at our best, we all will need what we call this conversion experience. It will come according to our natures; it may be rapid or slow; it may be startling, or it may be very ordinary.

This is what Paul meant when he said, "For me to live is Christ!" Before his conversion for him to live was the Mosaic law, was to be a great rabbi, was to enjoy himself, was to get his education and make his mark in the world. Now for him to live was to obey Christ, accept His insights, serve Him, that in all things Christ might be pre-eminent.

Life Will Not Be Easy

We may not find life a bed of roses. Paul did not expect his own pathway to be easy. But, more important than that, Paul had a life goal that was so great, so worthwhile, so noble, so eternal that Paul's joy did not depend on what happened to him personally. His motto was, "For me to live is Christ."

The thing that really brings satisfaction when we look honestly at ourselves is the sense that we are doing, in honor, the thing we were sent to do, that we are living as we were meant to live, that we are fulfilling our mission, that we are not letting the life-force of God in Christ down. Such a man is invulnerable; he can take anything that life offers and come out victorious.

Three Ideas of Life

In Shakespeare's, *Merchant of Venice,* the men who sought to marry Portia were confronted with three caskets made respectively of gold, silver, and lead. Portia's picture was in the leaden casket, and the one who chose it was the winner of the quest.

Each casket had an inscription. "Who chooseth me shall gain what many men desire," was on the gold one. The silver casket had the words, "Who chooseth me shall get as much as he deserves." On the leaden chest was the motto, "Who chooseth me must give and hazard all he hath."

The inscriptions suggest three philosophies of life. The first leads to a search for money and what it can buy; the second implies that life owes us something and ought to confer all sorts of favors upon us; the noblest philosophy is the third one, which makes life a sacrificial adventure and demands that one hazard all he has. To give your life away and spend it lavishly for others—that is what wins love and honor.

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For What Will I Spend My Life?

No. 2 in a Series: "A Look at Myself"

Matthew 16:24-26; I Corinthians 3:11-15

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS) *JANUARY 8*

Comments by Earle W. Gates

In this series of topics there is an unusual opportunity for a study of the personality problems and the spiritual potential of human life. For two weeks we are considering the theme *A Look At Myself.* This provides more than average opportunity for self-evaluation and for the determining of new patterns for life usefulness. The topic today gives the key to the place of beginning, *For What Will I Spend My Life?*. This is one of the vital questions youth must face as maturity approaches. The leader today has therefore the privilege of directing the Christian Endeavorers in a searching self-study, and in a period of determination for future achievement. Let the meeting be carefully and prayerfully prepared. Consider well the subject matter involved, especially by re-reading last week's topic and by additional reading. Think of the great purposes of this life, and how we can best fulfill them. The leader will do better if he has his own life in order, with some definite plans for a useful future. Then he can help transmit those plans to others. Possibly, however, the meeting will open new doors for him as well; it has often been thus. It may be of help to some to suggest the signing of the Life-Work Recruit Pledge for fulltime Christian service. For others it may be the time for promising God the use of their lives and talents in all spare time, while pursuing another vocation. Try to bring definite results out of this series.

How Much Do I Have To Spend?

This question is fair beginning for such a topic. We are asking ourselves today "For What Will I Spend My Life?" Such a question must be frankly faced and honestly answered. Perhaps it is already disturbing many of your society. When we are thinking of "spending" our lives we may have visions of scattering some commodity freely here and there. That is exactly what many people do with their lives. We do not always stop to realize that life is one of God's precious gifts to us. Long life is a special blessing. Eternal life, through the spiritual ministry of Christ, is the supreme gift. Yet how often even physical life is wasted. As suggested, some go through the days of their years extravagantly "spending" life, carelessly tossing it away on useless living. Even worse, many people waste life on sinful living, not only failing to make the best use of it, but disispating it in evil ways. These ways harm both the one who follows them and those with whom he squanders them.

Our Heavenly Father has not given us life to fritter away on useless things. Neither has He shared this precious gift with us to be used in the harm and degrading of others. Life rather is a sacred trust to be lived in a way that will glorify God and help man. This then is what we have to "spend," a portion of days, with a purpose in each one. We must have some "three score years and ten," more or less according to God's will, to be invested in the most useful manner possible.

Is There An Accounting?

To confirm the fact that our spending of life is to be wise and helpful, we are constantly reminded that there is a day of reckoning to come. We must answer to the God of our lives as to how we have used the days He has given us. "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirits, which are God's," is the positive challenge brought to us by Paul in I Corinthians 6:19-20. We cannot evade the responsibility of this charge. Truly we are the purchase of Christ on Calvary; our lives are due Him in return. The Lord will not hold guiltless the ones who fail to do their duty to His Kingdom. Those who live well the life of faith, and serve well the life of service, will be blessed beyond all human understanding. Contrary-wise, those who defy the Christ, and use their lives to tear down rather than build up, will be punished. The choice is as simple as that. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7.) What does this mean to you?

How Shall I Spend My Life?

William James has said, "The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it." Jesus Christ said, "I am come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10.) Clearly, the Christian use of life is the investment of it in something greater than self. Since we have only one life to live, and that is short, what better use for it than to dedicate it to something that will continue beyond it? Young people too must realize that "this world, this earth, this life, and all the things thereon pass away, but goodness and truth and beauty and love endure everlastingly. God and the things of God alone abide." These are sober ing words, but they are decidedly true. We do well to heed them, as thinking, intelligent modern youth. Within the program of our own beloved Christian Endeavor, we find such an opportunity. In our service "for Christ and the Church" there is the goal that is infinitely worth while. It is a cause that goes beyond our human limitations. Dr. Francis E. Clark, the founder of Christian Endeavor, was a great man by all standards. Yet the great cause he established has been immeasurably greater than himself. Christian Endeavor has outlasted its founder, even as our sincere service in it daily will outlast us.

Another Look At Myself

In view of these things, every young person should ask himself if he can afford to waste life, that precious gift of God. There are mighty things to do today for the one who truly wishes to serve God. And every Christian in his moments of clear vision wants to be good and to be useful. May each one say today, "My best for the highest."

Plan now to observe the 75th Anniversary of Christian Endeavor in your church. Packets with programs and helpful materials for the celebration are available through the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To investigate causes worthy of the giving of our lives.
2. To help young people decide for what they will use their lives.

LOOK AND DISCUSS

1. What is life?
2. What is the Christian life?
3. Why don't we "look at ourselves" more often, to evaluate life?
4. What are the great purposes of life?
5. What is the greatest thing a Christian young person can do with his life?
6. Do you believe there is a day of reckoning for the use of our lives? How?
7. Discuss the meaning of the verse that says whatsoever we sow that shall we also reap.
8. How can we best spend life?
9. Enlarge on the meaning of the Seed Thought.
10. If I am not satisfied with my "look" at my life, what can I do about it, specifically?

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A SEED THOUGHT

"Life is a cup to be filled, not a fountain to be drained."

For What Will I Spend My Life?

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Mark 8:34-38

termediate (12-14 YEARS) *JANUARY 8*

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Life Just for Living?

The heart of Ichabod Crane fluttered at ought of a banquet. For a feast the hero the delightful Legend of Sleepy Hollow uld muster courage to brave ridicule, or en to defy the headless horseman. Few ere are who do not share with him the de-hts of a wellspread table. Perhaps, over-oking indigestion, this is as it should be.

When we get to thinking of life as a nquet, however, we are stalking tragedy. any feel that, having been born, life calls em to a banquet. "A man must live," is the rase often on the lips of such people. ose four words are an excuse. They are on e lips of the man who sells too high; of other when he turns against brother. The nily which eats too much or has too much mmercialized amusement says, "A man must e." That excuse is given for petty squab-es with neighbors, and for wars. Young-rs who quarrel over a division of marbles d nations which quarrel over a division of naments have the same thought, expressed unexpressed, "A man must live."

On the summit of a naked hill outside and ove the walls of the City of the Prophets, young man once gave His life to establish different doctrine. From the cross His body outed, "For some things a man must even re to die." His way of living and His way dying gave the lie to the theory that life a banquet, and established the hard fact at life which is worth the living is an hievement. He taught that not as children e we to eternally ask of life, but that as en we are to create a life richer than that nich has been before.

hrist's Kind of Living emands Service

One of the first stories we remember was at of two travelers crossing the Russian lps in very cold weather, and finding by e wayside a partially frozen peasant. One the travelers decided to help the unfor-nate man, and managed to lift him into e sleigh. His companion refused to help ecause he was already uncomfortably cold. efore the journey ended there was a dead an in the sleigh—the traveler who refused get out and help the unfortunate man. oth men had been freezing, but the sheer

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Our Aim

1. To get the highest aim for life service.
2. To know how to choose the right vocation.
3. To see that the Christian ideal is "losing self" in service for Christ.

effort of helping someone had brought the blood coursing back through the veins of one, while he who sat still perished.

This story has often been told, but bears repetition because it illustrates a fundamental principle of the Christian life. We save ourselves by saving others; nothing could be more un-Christian than a self-centered life. Christ's kind of living demands service to others.

To Serve One Must Be Prepared

It was no accident that Moses was called of God and given an opportunity to contribute much to his world. Moses was prepared. His life was rich. He was head and shoulders above his fellow countrymen in education and in culture. He had spent many years in discovering his God and himself. Have you ever thought, too, that the disciples were learners before they were teachers? Only after hours spent in the company of that matchless Teacher, only after seeing life through His compassionate eyes, only after preparing themselves through their companionship with Him were they able to give that which was needed to their world. Saul of Tarsus was a prepared man. He knew the philosophies of his day. He had drunk deeply of the fountains of knowledge. Out of an abundant life he was able to contribute abundantly. One who is to face life as an opportunity to achieve must know the price to be paid.

Essentials in Choosing Our Vocation

In thinking through how you will spend your life remember there are three essentials in choosing our life's vocation:

1. We do best and most efficiently that which we like best.
2. What is the tendency of my development and my circumstances now?
3. What are you conscious of in your noblest moments?

In choosing a vocation:

1. Compare your own abilities in comparison with the requirements of that vocation.
2. Recognize the need.
3. Seek counsel from others but finally from God.

The power to choose is the most God-like thing in man after all.

Consecration Is Necessary

"For this cause came I into the world," was Jesus' statement of purpose. Prepared? Yes. But we see Him in all His glory as a consecrated young man. When His friends would dissuade Him He said, "I have a baptism to be baptized with," and accordingly He set His face steadfastly toward Jerusalem. What for?

To secure and wear a crown and assume a throne? No. To be crucified.

To receive the plaudits of the crowd as a conquering hero? No. To be struck and to receive the jeers of undisciplined people.

God Needs All

There is need for the twin virtues, braininess and holiness; preparation and consecration. The world is waiting for a generation so prepared and so consecrated as to live out its dream of following Him. Dreams are lived out only in reality, and reality in living is achievement.

To secure this combination you must:

A. Know God's will for you; then do it.
B. Make the best possible preparation.
C. Set high goals for yourself. Determine to be satisfied with nothing but the very best in life!
D. Then get to work with all your might!

Our Vocation Is Now

In these days and in this secular world, it is a full-time job that is given us. Others may be more interested in conformity to the crowd, or in the advantages of position or wealth, or in the opinions of other people. Our job is to transform rather than conform; to be what God wants us to be, rather than what someone else wants for us; and to be obedient to God rather than the opinions of the gang.

It's a hard job, a rugged one, and we can't do it all alone. We need each other, and we need the power of the grace of God to help us. But it's our job as Christian youth, and it's the vocation to which we are called *now*. As a matter of fact, if we don't serve God now in this vocation we've got, the chances are we never will.

Quest for the Best

Young people deeply desire the best. Life for youth could be called a "quest for the best." Christian young people want a noble purpose—something worth living and dying for. They seek this challenging motivation and help in developing resources to attain it.

Jesus urges us to be perfect like God. There is no finer goal than to achieve the Christ-like spirit and quality in our living. In art we go to Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo, in music to Beethoven and Bach, in poetry to Browning and Wordsworth for the best, but for noble living, we go to Jesus.

Suggestion for Worship

Quiet Music.

Scripture: Joshua 24:14-15.

Poem: "The Christ of Common Folks"—Liddell (p. 256 of *Christ and the Fine Arts*, by Maus)

Hymns:

"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult."
"We Thank Thee, Lord."
"I Bind My Heart This Tide."
"A Charge to Keep I Have."

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Is "Getting Even" Christian

Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 20:22; Proverbs 24:29; Matthew 5:39

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS) *JANUARY 1*

Comments by Earle W. Gates

The topic this evening should be a success in any group, "hitting home" in just about every individual. Those active in church activities for most of their lives often sit back complacently, feeling that they can do no wrong. When they occasionally hear their pastor talk about people who are jealous, who listen to and participate in gossip, who have a "gtt even" attitude, they catch a better view of their imperfections. Such "little evils" seem to be a common, every day occurence in life for so many. You will no doubt find this to be true in today's meeting.

At some time, we all have the attitude of "getting even," even though it may be a fleeting thought that never develops. Nevertheless human nature, encouraged by Satan himself, cries out to make another pay for his trespasses against us or against those we love.

"Getting even" is a petty thing and more appropriate for small children than for adults. Such thoughts are expected of immature people. In order to emphasize the littleness of such thoughts you might find it interesting to advertise the meeting as a "Kindergarten Meeting." Arrange the meeting room like a nursery or kindergarten, having the young people sitting in small chairs. (Be sure they are sturdy enough to endure.) Bring out again and again that when young people or adults have such ideas of "getting even," they are like a little child. See if the setting doesn't help to get this point across. Perhaps they can "graduate" to larger chairs when they have participated.

Ways Of Getting Even

Adults, as well as children, choose a multitude of ways to "get even." Some are not too harmful, while others involve some deep-seated evil. How easy it is to twist the wonderful verse Matthew 7:12 into "Do unto others as they *do to you.*" We are frequently tempted to do the same heart-breaking things to others that they have done to us. This is like a game of ball. When it's tossed to us, we return it quickly, and perhaps with a little more force.

Some choose to "get even" by their treatment to the foe's loved ones. What is wrong with such a method? Others seek to "get even" by stealth and not letting it be known that they are the source of trouble. Some are not satisfied until they've told the world how evil a one-time friend has been. Others allow untruths to be told in order to harm this "evil one."

Fatal To Spiritual Life

Revenge is most fatal to the spiritual life of man. When he allows the Devil to take over this area of life, he has yielded too greatly to the Tempter. When we do not conform to the will of God, we sin. Jesus taught us to forgive—and with no limit on the number of times. (Read Matthew 18:21-22.) God has no place for "gray" lives in His Kingdom. We are to be for Him or against Him. We are not to "ride the fence," so to speak. He asks us to follow Him all the way. Christ our Lord was harshly treated, spat upon, called names, cursed, doubted, lied about; but did He try to get even? Recall to mind the following verses: "But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also." (Matthew 5:39-40.) Read the 44th and 45th verses to hear God speak to YOU.

A SEED THOUGHT
"Two wrongs will never make one right."

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1 To point out that the attitude of "getting even" is a sin, because it does not conform to God's Way.

2. To teach us not to resist evil, but to overcome evil with good.

DISCUSS TOGETHER

1. **Why is "getting even" a sin?**
2. **Explain and discuss the Seed Thought.**
3. **List on the blackboard ways you or others have tried to "get even."**
4. **After them note the outcome.**
5. **Was good ever accomplished by "getting even"?**
6. **What harm does "getting even" do to one's own spiritual life? to one's social life? Business life?**
7. **List things done to you that have made you want to get even.**
8. **Opposite these, list ways of "overcoming evil with good."**
9. **Note the likely outcome, and discuss.**
10. **How can you be sure to try to "overcome evil with good" rather than "get even"?**

Fatal To Social Life

Surely we will agree that revenge is most fatal to social life. How popular is the one who always seeks revenge? He soon finds himself without friends. One who can bear physical or mental pain without seeking to visit these same burdens upon the donor is to be greatly admired. The one who goes about with a chip on his shoulder and a sneer on his face is neither a happy nor well-liked individual. His company is not craved. One would never know when he might be on the receiving end when the ""chips" began to fly.

If our tongues are allowed to loosely speak unkind and false remarks about another we will not have a following of the kind of friends we truly desire. When our minds are busily engaged in scheming up ways of "getting even," there is not room enough left for worth-while thoughts. We are then only socially acceptable among those of the same kind.

Overcome Evil With Good

Jesus told His followers that they are no to avenge themselves, that they are not eve to resist evil, but rather to overcome ev with good. Evil is never overcome with evi but only with good. "Two wrongs will neve make one right." It will not help to try t oppose evil or wrongs done against us. Whe we try to resist evil, the evil becomes stronge yet. We must overcome it with good. loses its strength when opposed with good.

The story is told of two young boys i school who had a dispute over a nice re apple stolen from the one boy's locker. was really Walter's apple, but Arthur had en joyed it. There were harsh words spoken be tween them and Walter decided to "ge even." After a number of evil ideas passe through his mind, he thought of Art's litt puppy. He planned to sneak over at nigh take him from the dog house, and place hi on a cross-country truck. The driver wouldn find him until he was some distance awa Then the puppy wouldn't find his way hom That would show Art!

Walter began to carry out his plan but th dog cuddled up to him and licked him. H heart began to melt. Suddenly he heard noise that startled him, but it was only radio turned on by a neighbor. Soon h heard music, and singing:

"I would be true, for there are those wh trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those wh care;
I would be strong, for there is much t suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much t dare."

Confused and ashamed, Walter hung h head, remembering this as his favorite son in Sunday school. He didn't know what t do. And then:

"I would be friend of all—the foe, th friendless;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weak ness;
I would look up, and laugh, and lov and lift."

(*Continued on Page* 18, *Col.* 3)

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T., Jan. 12. Paul Retaliated Not. Acts 18:5,
F., Jan. 13. Joseph Forgave. Genesis 45:1-
S., Jan. 14. Vengeance Is Mine. Romans 12:17-2
Sun., Jan. 18. Topic—Is "Getting Even Christian? Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 20:2 Proverbs 24:29; Matthew 5:3

Be a Leader!

No. 1 in a Series: "Christian Service That Counts"
Matthew 20:20-28

ntermediate (12-14 YEARS) *JANUARY 15*

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

To the Leader

Pass out slips of paper and pencils. Ask ach Endeavorer to write first the name of ne person of the past he thinks was a great eader (excepting Christ). Then ask him o write "why" that person was a leader. Reeat process on one person of the present vho is a great leader (1) in the church; (2) n world affairs. Then ask for the reasons why" these persons were selected. Collect apers. Have sheets read. List on blackboard he names and have Endeavorers discuss those isted.

No doubt the Apostle Paul will be named s one of the greatest leaders of the past. Read I Timothy 2:1-7. Note Paul's statements:

A leader must be strong. A literal translaion of Paul's exhortation to Timothy would ead: "Be invested with power." One's ability s a leader grows with the increase of his ower. If one's source of power is within himelf, there are limits to his possible strength; ut if his source of power is in Jesus Christ here are no limits.

A leader must be judicious. The true leader s not one who undertakes to accomplish the sk himself, rather is the one who enlists nd inspires others to do the work. "It is etter to get ten men to work than to do ne work of ten men."

A leader must be able to endure hardship. Ie must be able to undergo criticism, to face pposition and even to undergo persecution. uch experiences have been the common lot f leaders of men. Let the individual who is fraid of such things either overcome his fear r abandon his hope of becoming a real :ader among men.

A leader must have singleness of purpose nd activity. The individual who divides his nterests lessens his effectiveness along any ne particular line, while the person who onfines his thought and activity to his own osen line strengthens himself for the perormance of his work. Diversity of interest oes not make for leadership. Usually the ck-of-all-trades is the master of none. On ie contrary, singleness of purpose and acvity tends toward efficiency and leadership.

A leader should seek the guidance of God. nder some circumstances it may seem to the ndividual that human wisdom is adequate to ie situation, but again and again has it occurred that a leader has come to recognize his wn wisdom as insufficient and has taken reourse to God. This is indeed the leader's rivilege; it is every man's privilege. But it peculiarly the leader's privilege and reponsibility because of the fact that he deals ot only with his own welfare, but also with ie interest and destiny of others.

Our Aim

1. To note qualities and traits of a good leader.

2. To see how leadership is developed.

3. To call for dedication to preparation for leadership in Christ's church.

Questions

1. Is Christian character a help or a hindrance in the matter of leadership?

2. To what extent does the field of Christian service offer opportunities for leadership?

3. Are opportunities for leadership increasing or decreasing?

4. Where can you give aid in your local church program?

5. How does Christian Endeavor offer opportunities for leadership?

6. Does a leader advertise himself or does he simply pitch in and do the work? Explain.

How Can You Develop Leadership?

Do original thinking. Use your own mental facilities in the solution of the problems presenting themselves. The individual who lets another do his thinking will never be a leader; on the contrary the person who is willing to take the time and expend the necessary effort to do some real thinking for himself is opening the way and preparing himself to become a leader. The rank and file of people are either incapable or else unwilling to do real original thinking and consequently are never able to rise to places of leadership. The place of leadership is open to the person who does the thinking, to the man or woman who finds the solution to the problems.

Have conviction. Some people never know what they believe, what they stand for; some never know whether to stand still or to move forward; they seemingly are unable to reach a decision. Such people can never be leaders. On the contrary the person who has thought through and reached his conclusion and who stands ready to announce his thought and to act upon it, is prepared to serve as leader. Conviction and decision are prerequisites to real leadership.

Master your line. No individual may reasonably hope to be a leader in many lines. He cannot be at his best in more than one line. This being true, the person who concentrates his thought and energy along the line of his special endeavor and really masters that line, will thereby qualify himself as a leader in that line. Mediocrity abounds everywhere; excellence is rare. Wherefore, if you would be a leader, rise above mediocrity, become a leader in your line of endeavor.

Develop personality. We use the word as it is popularly used, meaning thereby those particular faculties of the individual by which he makes a favorable impression and exercises an attractive influence upon those with whom he comes in contact. It is something "which eludes the photographer, which the painter cannot reproduce and which the sculptor cannot chisel." It is something easily recognized, but difficult to define. It, however, includes such elements as graciousness of manner, cordiality of bearing and generosity of feeling.

However we name or define the quality, it is something which makes for successful leadership. It brings patients to the doctor, clients to the lawyer, and hearers to the preacher. It is a tremendous asset to any leader of men. Therefore, if you would become a leader, cultivate this thing we call personality.

Dedicate yourself to the accomplishment of some worth while purpose. Ascertain the will of God for your life and then give yourself to its accomplishment. Every individual is at his best when walking along the path of obedience to God. Every person exercises the largest and best influence over others and functions as a leader to best advantage when walking most consistently in the footsteps of his Lord.

Practice leadership. In this matter as in everything else one learns by doing. Theory is good, but practice is better. If, therefore, you would be a leader, accept and utilize to best advantage every opportunity for expression and activity along your line. Recognize in these opportunities stepping-stones toward achievement and success.

Ask your pastor what you might do to aid him in details around the church or in his pastoral work. The writer, as a boy, used to do many chores for his pastor. Often the pastor would then take him to institutes or camps where he got to sense the wideness of the work of the church. He learned to know many fine young people. It all helped to build leadership.

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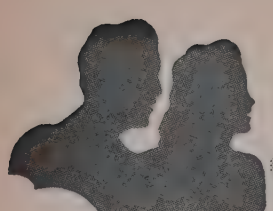
Sun., Jan. 15. Topic—Be a Leader!
Matthew 20:20-28.



Is Jealousy Ever Christian?

Luke 15:11-32

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS) *JANUARY 2*

Comments by Earle W. Gates

This week's topic and last week's go hand in hand as we discuss together wrong attitudes for a Christian to have. It seems reasonable to assume that no one would consider revenge or jealousy as Christian virtues. Strive to bring out in this topic that one should never be jealous nor covetous of another.

The Story of the Prodigal Son is given in the Scripture lesson. Being a favorite of many, it should not be difficult to understand its message in relation to the topic. Perhaps a good way to make sure it is properly and completely understood would be to have the young people tell the story as flannel board pictures are put into place by the leader. (This story is easily secured in any religious store.) Point out the jealousy in the story. It indicates, among other things, that even good people, and righteous, can fall prey to this fault.

What It Is

Some interesting descriptive words and phrases are used in the dictionary to explain the meaning of the word jealousy. They are: "earnestly and anxiously suspicious; watchful, fearful, doubtful, envious; resentment towards, fear of a rival; insistence on exclusive affection; grudging, spiteful." None of these describe a very pleasant nor attractive personality. Jealousy is an intense desire to keep what one has, combined with an anxious fear of losing it. It may be a watchfulness of one's rights, or a feeling of anger at another's intrusion on them.

Jealousy is more often founded on suspicion rather than on fact. It is created in the mind rather than as a result of the sight. After jealousy has found its way in, it grows by leaps and bounds. Imagination then does many strange things, and jealousy grows deeper.

This undesirable trait is a combination of selfishness, some degree of love, fear, greed, and suspicions. Insecurity is its main foundation. To be uncertain of one's status is to lend oneself to dark forbodings and fears. There is an evil cycle about this for it leads to unworthy deeds which in turn bring a lessening of love or respect and a consequent increase in reason for jealousy.

Daily Bible Readings

M., Jan. 16. Jealousy Hates. Genesis 4:8-12.
T., Jan. 17. Jealousy Deceives. Genesis 27:34-36.
W., Jan. 18. Jealousy Degrades. I Samuel 18:7-12; 28:7, 8.
T., Jan. 19. Jealousy Devises Evil. Esther 5:10-14.
F., Jan. 20. Jealousy Is Selfish. John 12:3-6.
S., Jan. 21. Godly Jealousy. Exodus 20:4-6.
Sun., Jan. 22. Topic—Is Jealousy Ever Christian? Luke 15:11-32.

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To understand the harm jealousy can cause.
2. To point out the sin of jealousy.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. What is jealousy?
2. What harm can jealousy cause to one's self? to others?
3. Why and how is jealousy sinful?
4. What are some reasons for being jealous?
5. What can we do to prevent ourselves from jealousy? to prevent others from being jealous?
6. Is jealousy ever fair or reasonable?
7. What does God think of jealousy? Give examples.
8. Explain the meaning of "for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God." (Exodus 20: 5.)
9. Is jealousy ever Christian?
10. What is the Christian substitute for jealousy? Give as many practical examples as possible.

Reasons For Y-O-U-R Jealousy

Analyze yourself during this meeting, forgetting others of your acquaintance. Are you irritably conscious of the fact that you are the oldest, the youngest, the only boy, the only girl, or receive the poorest grades, or have the least number of friends, or are expected to do the greatest amount of work, or many other disturbing facts concerning your family? All these cause jealousy if one let's himself look pityingly at himself. How about the attitude toward one's boy friend or girl friend?

Some are jealous of the positions held in the church by others or even in the Christian Endeavor society. Rather than rejoice at the praise and accomplishments secured by another, they become jealous of this success. Instead of helping the organization advance as a whole, they sit back to criticize and ridicule. There are even faithful choir members who are jealous of the voice and position given other members. It is hard to realize sometimes that another can be as good as one's self, or even better.

In school or at work it seems difficult to understand that another can receive better grades or a better position at work or more salary. If we would use the energy to improve ourselves that we burn up envying another, we too could often be "better" than we are.

What Harm Does Jealousy Cause?

Envy is closely associated with jealousy. Envy is a base desire for what is possessed by another, felt toward a thing or person to which one has no right or claim.

Jealousy creates suspicion causing a warped attitude. It makes one constantly "looking" for trouble. He sees things that don't really exist. He begins to feel sorry for himself. Friendships are broken as a suspicion takes over. Efficiency is reduced as one's mind is concentrated on himself and how he is "mistreated." In the case of organizations, coordination is prevented. When one's mind is occupied with suspicious thoughts of another he can not give his best to co-ordinating organizational activity. There is often unwholesome competition. One does not work to glorify God but to try to "get ahead of the next fellow." The result is not good.

Jealousy causes personal unhappiness. This is sometimes serious enough to cause illness and nervous upsets. Jealousy is more often based on false accusations than on true foundations. One who indulges in jealousy inclines to "burn out" any pleasing personality. Jealousy, like hatred, withers the soul, often destroying both body and mind.

Scriptural Teachings

Envy is considered in the same class as for nication, wickedness, covetousness, malicious ness, murder, deceit, backbiters, haters o God, foolish, disobedient, and others. Rea Romans 1:29-39 and Titus 3:3.

God knows our weakness in being envious James 4:5 says "Do ye think the Scriptur saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in u lusteth to envy?"

He tells us in I Peter 2:1-3 that we mus lay aside our evil ways, envy included, tha we might grow in the grace of the Lord The Love Chapter, I Corinthians 13, states i the fourth verse that "love envieth not." Hov clear the teaching is in Galatians 5:26. "Le us not be desirous of vainglory, provokin one another, envying one another." Just pre vious to this (Galatians 5:21) we are tol that those who have envyings, drunkenness uncleanness, etc. as a part of their being "shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Read carefully Song of Solomon 8:6 which says that "jealousy is cruel as the grave." Study other portions that speak of jealousy and envy. Some are: James 3:14, Proverb 6:34, and Philippians 1:15.

Is jealousy sinful? This is a question we may well discuss today. It is surely one tha we must answer for our own personal lives Consider well the effects of it, and think o how little it accomplishes. Think of it i the light of the foregoing Scripture passages What would Jesus say about it? This is s often a final and convincing test for any moral or personal problem. What would H have *me* do is even more searching.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Jealousy is the sister of love, as the devil is the brother of angels." Discuss this.

Be a Follower!

No. 2 in a Series: "Christian Service That Counts"
Matthew 4:17-22

Intermediate (12-14 YEARS) *JANUARY 22*

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Plan a "Follower's Meeting"

Plan a meeting that is different. Make this real "Follower's Meeting." Divide the program into three parts. Go to the home of a member for the opening service and devotional period. Then everyone goes to a second home for the testimony or discussion period. This can be a fellowship hour. After that the entire group should go to church together, and if possible, take some definite part of the evening program or service.

Follow Jesus Where?

(*Have Christian Endeavorers read these*)

1. Into Spiritual Enrichment. Luke 4:16; 5:16; 22:39; Mark 6:31.
2. Into Bible Study. Matthew 21:42; 22:29.
3. Into Teaching and Leadership. Matthew 5:1; John 3:2; Mark 4:1; 6:2, 34; Matthew 28:19.
4. Into Stewardship. Luke 2:49; 3:22.
5. Into the Pathway of Reconciliation. Matthew 5:24.
6. Into Witnessing. John 18:37; 5:36.

A Great Subject

This topic echoes Christ's call "Follow thou me!" This invitation was given in all earnestness. It is an appeal. It is a challenge. It is a dare. He asks us to accept Him, His teaching and His spirit, as the guide for life. It is personal. It is inescapable. It demands attention. It requires action.

The acceptance of the invitation to follow Jesus Christ as the Lord of Life gives significance to life. It gives youth a new dignity. It gives personality and untold value. It makes a youth walk upright with an open face before God and his companions. Jesus considered life a sacred thing. He counted personality as the most valuable thing in the world. He held it in the highest esteem and treated it with the utmost respect.

The World Can Be Changed

The acceptance of the invitation to follow Jesus Christ as the Lord of Life will change human life and human society. The most outstanding significant fact in the history of the Christian movement is that Jesus Christ has a marvelous power to change human life and regenerate human society. He has demonstrated that power along all the centuries.

The first disciples were wavering, cowardly men one day, but the next day they faced governors and kings and rioting mobs without fears. Something had happened to them. The early church was narrow-minded and provincial but soon the horizon lifted and Christians became world citizens with a world purpose. Something happened to them. The early church fathers were once sinful, pleasure-seeking men and then shortly they were holy, God-fearing leaders of a great crusade for righteousness. Something happened to them. So it has always been. When Jesus Christ gets into human life it is made over.

The redeeming power of Jesus Christ gets into the social order. Hard conditions are moderated. Better relationships are established. Evils are eliminated. Higher ideals are accepted and lived. The selfish become sacrificial. Godless sinners become saints. The redeeming spirit of Jesus Christ is slowly but surely pervading the world and it will never be the same again.

Our Aim

1. To hear Christ's call and respond for service.
2. To gain preparation to be a worthy worker in the Kingdom enterprise.
3. To follow the invitation of Christ and know dignity for humblest work.

Being a Follower Means Serving

The acceptance of the invitation to follow Jesus Christ, the Lord of Life, will demand service. It will require the real living of Christ's ideals. All skills and values are developed by use. See the workman in a factory as with a complicated machine he turns out delicate parts for a watch. Listen to the salesman as he approaches a customer and makes a sale. Follow the teacher in school as she outlines the lessons and directs the pupil in character forming processes. Hear the musician as with delicate touch he brings out sweet tones of harmony. The secret of it all is practice.

We Must Respond

Yet our joy is to follow where Jesus leads. When He commands "Follow Thou Me" we can do naught else but follow. He gives us strength to match His stride. He leads the way. His command is imperative. We dare not fail Him.

Let our great Christian Endeavor throngs be caught up today in a mighty resolve to follow Jesus. Let His call "Follow Thou Me" hound us until souls are won, the church revived, evangelistic fires rekindled.

Let His call, "Follow Thou Me," put us to work that new youth may be enrolled, new standards of achievement set up, new equipment established for the religious education of Protestant youth.

Let His call, "Follow Thou Me," resound until there is new interest in Bible study, an increased number enrolled in catechetical, stewardship and missions classes, many new Sunday schools established.

Hear His call! We have great work to do.

Poem

"Who answers Christ's insistent call
Must give himself, his life, his all,
Without one backward look.
Who sets his hand unto the plow,
And glances back with anxious brow,
His calling hath mistook.
Christ claims him wholly for His own;
He must be Christ's and Christ's alone."

The Knights Followed

When Knighthood was in flower every boy hoped that some day he would grow up to be a strong and sturdy knight. A long period of severe training was necessary. The boy first learned to be a page to the ladies of the court. His duty was to wait upon them, to be courteous, kind and helpful.

As he grew older he went to live with the men who were knights. Here he was known as squire. Each knight had a squire who waited upon him, held his horse for him when he mounted, polished his armor and kept things in good condition. Here the boy was supposed to learn what it meant to be a knight, "to live pure, speak true, right wrong, and follow Christ the King."

When a squire had shown that he would make a brave and noble man, he was then knighted. The evening before the ceremony took place, he spent in prayer in the chapel, all alone. In the morning he took his vows. The King touched him upon the shoulder with the blade of the sword and dubbed him Knight. He then went forth to live according to his vows: "To live pure, speak true, right wrong, and follow Christ the King."

The hymn *I Would Be True* has much the same meaning as the vows of Knighthood.

"Howard Arnold Walter felt the call of a great quest. His life ambition was to go to the foreign field. But nature had deprived him of a robust physique. He strove mightily to secure the delicate health he had. In the meantime he developed those human traits of sincerity, humor and warm-heartedness which won him friends and honors in school, college and seminary. He was terribly disappointed when the Mission Board to which he applied refused him. But he did not give up. He was finally accepted by the International Y.M.C.A. who sent him to India as a student secretary.

"While in India his faith was severely tested. But his faith in Christ was abiding. He wrote a poem to his mother of whom he was very fond, to tell her of his faith. Entitling the little poem which he composed, 'My Creed,' it has become one of the most loved hymns of youth as *I Would be True*. During the World War the 'flu' struck Walter in the midst of a courageous service. But his dedication to a noble quest lives on in the hearts of millions of youth who sing his 'Creed' as the embodiment of their highest ideals."

Discussion

All available time at the end of the lesson presentation would be a practical consideration of just one question: "How can we, as Christian Endeavorers, become better followers of Christ and let the world know that we are His followers?"

Daily Meditations

M., Jan. 16. Learn Truer Discipleship. Luke 14:25-27.
T., Jan. 17. Do Better Service. Psalm 100.
W., Jan. 18. Seek Deeper Knowledge. Proverbs 4:3-7.
T., Jan. 19. See Greater Visions. Joel 2:28, 32.
F., Jan. 20. Withstand All Evil. Ephesians 6:10-13.
S., Jan. 21. Look Unto Jesus. Hebrews 12:1, 2.
Sun., Jan. 22. Topic—Be A Follower! Matthew 4:17-22.

Our Citizenship Under Christ

No. 1 in a Series: "Christian Endeavor Week-Youth Week"

Romans 13:1-8; Luke 20:19-26

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS) *JANUARY 2*

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Today begins one of the most significant weeks in the life of the Church. It is also one of the greatest significance to the young people of God's Kingdom. This is the opening day of *Christian Endeavor Week,* and it marks the 75th Anniversary of the founding of this movement under God. The Diamond Jubilee should bring forth a great observance throughout the year.

First of all, the leader of this meeting, and especially the leader for next week, should have a Christian Endeavor Week Packet. These are available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Every society should have one in order to properly observe this important occasion. Many valuable helps are included in this packet. Be sure to provide one for next Sunday.

Use the general theme "Christian Endeavor Week" for these two Sundays, and try to relate the two together. A special emphasis should be given throughout the week. A Banquet may be included in the observance, and perhaps an Alumni Program. Strive to make this great 75th Anniversary week an outstanding one in your church and community.

Remember the stirring history of Christian Endeavor this week, and emphasize its foundation purposes. It was organized February 2, 1881, in the Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine, by the Reverend Francis E. Clark. The Four Cardinal Principles, upon which all its program should be built are: 1) Confession of Christ; 2) Service for Christ; 3) Loyalty to Christ's Church; 4) Fellowship With All of Christ's People. Use these and bring special attention to them this week. The theme of the movement for North America this year is "Christ Shall Reign."

The emphasis for this opening day of Christian Endeavor Week is Denominational Sunday. Give particular thought to this for our movement has always insisted upon a primary loyalty to one's own church, denomination, and pastor. There is usually no excuse for failing to give such loyalty. Neither is there reason why a larger inter-denominational fellowship with others should not be sought. The topic today is *Our Citizenship Under Christ.* Bring particular emphasis upon our citizenship responsibilities as Christian young people. These are many, and are varied today, according to our modern customs and local problems.

From The Book of Books

M., Jan. 23. Praying For The Government. I Timothy 2:1-6.
T., Jan. 24. Paying To The Government. Matthew 17:24-27.
W., Jan. 25. Godly Influence In Government. Daniel 2:46-49.
T., Jan. 26. Submitting To The Authorities. 1 Peter 2:13-15.
F., Jan. 27. Respecting The Authorities. Ecclesiastes 8:1-4; 11:20a.
S., Jan. 28. Loyalty To God First. Daniel 3:14-18.
Sun., Jan. 29. Topic—Our Citizenship Under Christ. Romans 13:1-8; Luke 20:19-26. (Denominational Sun., Beginning C.E. Week)

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To make us aware of our united youth observance of our 75th Anniversary.
2. To help acquaint youth with their responsibilities as citizens and as Christians.

DISCUSS OUR CITIZENSHIP

1. How does the Christian Endeavor Pledge relate itself to good citizenship?
2. Name several areas of citizenship.
3. What is the difference between a citizen and a Christian citizen?
4. Is it right to break the law providing we're not caught? Why?
5. What is our Christian duty in these areas:
   (a) Use of alcohol? (b) Narcotics? (c) Tobacco? (d) Peace in the world? (e) Sex education? (f) Home relationships? (g) Voting? (h) The making or changing of laws?
6. What plans can we make tonight for a better observance of Christian Endeavor Week this week?

Our Citizenship Under Christ

Our national citizenship is a matter of deep pride to each one and it is a distinct area of our daily living. It calls for certain clear-marked loyalties about which there should be no question. Our deep love for country should be expressed by a respect for her laws and a dedication to her higher purposes. No man is a good citizen who does not have pride in his nation and of whom his nation cannot be proud.

But our topic places an extra requirement upon us. When we say "our citizenship *under Christ,*" then have at least a two-fold obligation. As citizens we have a duty; as Christians we have a divine responsibility. All of life is affected by our relationship to Jesus Christ. When we have received Him as Lord and Saviour all other loyalties to noble causes are enhanced and deepened. When He becomes our Lord and King, we renounce fancied interests in the low and anti-social.

Under Two Banners

Assuredly we live under two flags. We are under the banner of Christ and this lifts us to new heights of obligation and achievement. Likewise we are subjects of the flag of our nation. Without question we have an allegiance to the country of our birth, or where we reside. The youth of the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America have perhaps more reason for national pride and gratitude than any other. We share together the privilege of residence upon a continent made great by the hand of God and the devotion of men. We share the divine blessing of serving one King that is above all earthly rulers, the Lord Jesus. How much we have in common,—and how noble should be our citizenship!

Many Areas

The word citizenship is a broad one. It involves countless responsibilities and encompasses many areas of life. Our discussion today provides a time to acquaint youth with some of these areas and of their duties in each. We would all faithfully perform our obligations as citizens for a good Christian is a good citizen. It is usually thoughtlessness or sheer selfishness that makes for a breach of our duties herein.

The first area that comes to mind is the observance of national or other laws and of local ordinances. There may be places of disagreement here, but we do well to remember that Jesus urged obedience to "the powers that be." He further said to "render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's (or the state's) *and* unto God the things that are God's." (Matthew 22:21.)

Another area of citizenship closely related to this is in the use of our influence toward better moral practices. The use of alcohol, narcotics, tobacco all constitute a challenge to Christian Youth. Organized pressure against these things should be exerted by thinking young people who know their threat to public and personal welfare. Efforts in behalf of peace, and of better race relationships are always a requisite.

Still another area is in the home. A Christian home calls for the exercise of all the attributes of good citizenship. More Christian relations in the field of sex, before and after marriage; a better understanding of the rights of each partner in marriage; a better adjustment to the personality-environment problems of the home; a better preparation for parenthood; and a greater application of the teachings of Jesus in all domestic matters, all these represent a practical area of citizenship. A Christian is a better home-maker, a more profitable citizen, and a leader in efforts for the public good.

A SEED THOUGHT

The Christian Endeavor Pledge is one of the unique features of our movement. It is "A standard of character and action we promise to try to reach." Every society in the land is being asked to renew its pledge, with each Endeavorer signing it again, next Sunday. This is the Anniversary Sunday of our organization. Make plans today for an outstanding re-consecration service next Sunday.

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do—."

Our Citizenship Under Christ

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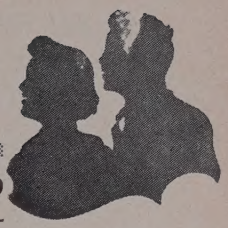

termediate (12-14 YEARS) *JANUARY 29*

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Advance

1. Talk with city officials on what a good izen is and does.
2. Visit, if possible, a court when people come new citizens.
3. Ask the pastor what "Citizenship Under rist" involves.

Have reports on these projects.

esus Gives the Example

Jesus is an example of a true Christian izen. He was ready to pay His taxes and pport the government in every way. He uld have us know that no one can render to Caesar the things that belong to him, thout first rendering unto God the things ich belong to God.

he Christian Citizen

It is said of the late President Harding, at when he took his oath of the office of e President of the United States, he placed s finger on the open Bible, and touched the ords, "And what doth the Lord require of ee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, d to walk humbly with thy God." (Micah 8.)

1. *Do Justly.* Justice is but the echo in e heart of man of divine righteousness. 'e cannot conceive of God as being less an just, and we who are created in His nage should exercise the same principle. irely, if there is one current of American ought today that is running in one direc- on it is the demand among the masses of en for justice. There is a cry for social stice, political justice, racial justice, nation- justice and religious justice. We are just self when we seek first the kingdom of od. We are just to our fellowmen when we ractice the Golden Rule. We are just to God hen we live according to the first and great- t commandment.

2. *Love Mercy.* Mercy is that tender qual- y of God's nature which leads Him to seek ie highest good of those that oppose His ill. It is the kindness exercised toward those ho through their rebellion against God have ndered themselves unworthy of His care. od's justice and mercy do not conflict in any ay. His justice and His mercy are always ercised in perfect accord with His ultimate m, namely, His own glory and the highest good of man. If both attributes harmonize with this aim, there is no conflict. Hence, we should love mercy.

3. *Walk Humbly.* Humility is a Christian virtue. Christian citizens should be humble-minded and humble-hearted. "We cannot think too highly of our nature, nor too humbly of ourselves." But the prophet is especially concerned with humility in our relation to God. We are exhorted to "walk humbly with thy God." When we think of God's power, wisdom, mercy, and love we should humble ourselves in His presence. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." This is a promise to true Christian citizens.

4. *Know Your Country.* If we are to be of greatest service to our nation we should know something about its history, its resources, its possibilities, and its government. We should know how our nation, state, country, and city is governed, the duties of the officials and the work of their departments. The history of great men, those who gave so much to their country for our inheritance, should be familiar to us, and their lives should inspire us to even greater endeavors.

5. *Practice Christian Principles.* It is expected of a Christian citizen that he be honest Honesty is a fundamental Christian virtue. Justice is another law of the Christian life and must be practiced by Christians. Loyalty, too, has its place, and we should be loyal to our national institutions. Temperance should be a sacred law to every Christian citizen. Charity should find expression in the daily service of Christian citizens. In fact, all Christian virtues should be operative in a Christian nation by Christian citizens.

6. *Include the world in your loyalties.* Year by year new discoveries and inventions are bringing the peoples of the world closer and closer together. A youth's loyalty to his own flesh and blood does not prevent him from appreciating the virtues and accomplishments of the families living in the houses adjoining his or across the street. It helps him to do so. Why, then, may not this neighborhood loyalty expand from city to state to country to the whole world—God's world—a world peopled with beings made in His image?

When you were a small child and didn't get your way, you sometimes "took it out" on a younger brother or sister, or on a chair or sofa; or you staged a small sit-down strike accompanied by sobs—in hopes that you would get your demand. Such action is not limited to children, however. Hitler and Mussolini were examples of adults who acted like children. They were thwarted, frustrated persons, who projected their unhappiness onto others by bossing them around.

The world citizen is one who has grown up, who acts mature. He has accepted himself with his own strengths and weaknesses and, consequently, can live at peace with himself and others. This is simply said but not so simply done.

7. *Strive to perfect America's promise to aid the world.* In many ways, this is the most vital thing a person can do. A true Christian patriot is no more blind to the problems within his country than he is to the problems in other countries. He sees that these problems can be corrected in the light of the Word of God as found in the Bible and by Christian deeds at home and abroad.

Christian patriotism is a love of country that has an awareness of other lands. Not isolationist, it is a calm, positive appreciation of God's many blessings. Not rabid, it is humble, prayerful, and sincere. Only through true Christian patriotism can we do our best to develop the promise of America.

Our Aim

1. To observe Denominational Day of Christian Endeavor Week — Youth Week.

2. To see that we are under the banner of Christ and have an allegiance to the country where we reside.

3. To resolve that a good Christian is a good citizen.

Questions

1. What dangers lie in disregard for law?

2. Why do we need to train our future citizens?

3. What are some of the marks of good citizenship?

4. What kind of patriotism is revealed in Jesus?

5. How can patriotism be enhanced by religion? (Psalm 33:12)

6. What happens to a righteous nation? (Proverbs 14:34)

7. How does God bless a nation? (Genesis 12:2; Deuteronomy 4:7; 28:1, 2)

8. How has God blessed our own land?

9. What can we do to help our nation most in a time of crisis?

10. How can we strive for righteousness as well as for peace?

Messages From The Bible

., Jan. 23. Praying For The Government. I Timothy 2:1-6.
., Jan. 24. Paying To The Government. Matthew 17:24-27.
., Jan. 25. Godly Influence In Government. Daniel 2:46-49.
., Jan. 26. Submitting To The Authorities. I Peter 2:13-15.
., Jan. 27. Respecting The Authorities. Ecclesiastes 8:1-4.
., Jan. 28. Loyalty To God, First. Daniel 3:14-18.
un., Jan. 29. **Topic—Our Citizenship Under Christ. Romans 13:1-8; Luke 20:19-26. Denominational Sun., Beginning C.E. Week)**

Citizenship That Works

Last summer thousands of young men and women were living and working together in small "peace armies" in various parts of the world. They were rebuilding war-devastated homes, constructing playgrounds, repairing old houses and churches in underprivileged areas, and assisting people in other ways.

Worship Service

Hymns:

From all That Dwell Below the Skies
My Country, 'Tis of Thee
Praise the Lord of Heaven
O That the Lord Would Guide
May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfil
Teach Me, My God and King

Prayer to be Christian Citizens.

Scripture:

Psalm 33:11-22; Romans 13:1-8; Matthew 22:15-22; Luke 10:25-37.

ALL IN FUN

Officer (instructing the daily exercise) — Now, men, lie on your backs and work your feet as though you were on a bicycle.

One recruit stops.

Officer—Why did you stop?

Recruit—I'm coasting, sir.

The average woman has a smaller stock of words than the ordinary man, but the turnover is greater.

Proud—My dad is an Elk, a Lion, a Moose, and an Eagle.

Wise—What does it cost to see him?

Mother—Billy wash your face!

Billy—Why?

Mother—We may have company.

Billy—But suppose they don't come?

Nervour Suitor—"Sir, er—that is, I would like to—er—that is—I mean I have been going with your daughter five years."

Father—"Well, young man, what do you want—a pension?"

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Topics for JANUARY

Jan. 1. He Finds Help in The Bible. Psalm 119:9-16.
Jan. 8. He Finds Help in Prayer. Psalm 91.
Jan. 15. He Finds Help in Hymns. Psalm 121.
Jan. 22. He Finds God. Acts 17:24-28.
Jan. 29. For Christ and The Church. Romans 12.

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Senior-Young People — Jan 1

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Walter felt a lump in his throat. Here a case where someone needed "to laugh love, to lift." He put the little puppy back

Next day at school, when Walter Arthur met, they appeared friendly, Arthur was somewhat suspicious of Wal Walter invited him to go to camp with and his Dad. They went and had a glori week-end. Arthur apologized for taking apple and for the dispute. Walter knew he had found a better way of "getting eve

Evil had been overcome with good. you parallel this "little" incident with in your own experience. What is the p ciple involved?

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Reading: 1st verse, *O Master Workman of Race.*
Special Music: 1st verse, Lord, I Want to a Christian.
Reading: 2nd verse, *O Master Workman of Race.*
Special Music: Verse beginning, "Lord I nt to Be More Loving."
Reading: 3rd verse, *O Master Workman of Race.*
Special Music: Verse beginning, "Lord, I nt to Be Like Jesus."
Prayer.
Hymn: "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling."
Benediction.

estions

1. Why is what you are more important n what you do?
2. Are some vocations more Christian than ers?
3. Does God have a plan for every per- 's life?
4. How can we share in God's Word the world?
5. When we have decisions to make whose ice should we seek?
6. What verse of Scripture definitely states t we can know the will of God?
7. Name some professions that a Christian should not engage in.
8. How may we determine the will of God for our lives?
9. If God calls to a lifework how will He provide the necessary training and opportunities to do that work?

PRESIDENT IN MID-WEST

Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, spoke at the convention of the Colorado Union held in Denver, October 27-29. Mr. Gates addressed a rally and conferences of ministers and Christian Endeavor leaders of Kansas Union in Wichita, October 30-31.

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